## County of San Bernardino Department of Behavioral Health

### How to Report an Incident

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**Purpose** 

To inform staff of the procedure to thoroughly and promptly report and investigate an incident.

**Legal Authority** 

Risk Management is responsible for determining County liability and attempting resolution of claims.

Insurance Information

San Bernardino County is self-insured and self administered for both Workers' Compensation and liability claims. Coverage includes:

- Property damage to others
- Public and general liability
- Workers' Compensation
- · Damage to or loss of County Property

#### Definition

An incident is defined as an event that results in injury to County employees, volunteers, and/or members of the public; damage to County property or the property of others, or the loss of County property, money, or securities.

#### **Procedures**

Follow the steps below to report all incidents:

| Staff                   | Responsibilities   |
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| Employee                | <ul> <li>Notify the immediate supervisor or designee of incident, even if medical attention is not needed.</li> <li>If injured and/or hospitalized, have someone notify the immediate supervisor or designee.</li> </ul>   |
| Supervisor and Employee | Was employee in an auto accident?  |
|                         | <ul> <li>If yes, refer to Vehicle Accidents Reporting procedure</li> <li>If no, then both supervisor and employee complete the NCR Incident Report form (obtain from your Regional Secretary)</li> <li>If employee is injured, refer to Occupational Injury and Illness procedure</li> </ul> |

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| Staff              | Responsibilities  |
| Supervisor         | <ul> <li>If death to consumer, IMMEDIATELY refer to Investigating &amp; Reporting Death of a Consumer procedure</li> <li>If serious Injury to a consumer; or death or serious injury to employee or member of the general public, IMMEDIATELY contact the following:</li> </ul> |
|                    | o DBH Director o DBH Assistant Director o Appropriate Deputy Director o Appropriate Program Manager o Risk Management at (909) 386-8623  Notify the Communications Center at (909) 356-3811 after 5:00 p.m. weekdays, weekends  |
|                    | or legal holidays, instead of Risk Management.  |
|                    | Complete the following forms:   |
|                    | o Incident Report form o Investigation of Workplace Incidents, Occupational Injury, Illnesses and Hazardous Exposure o Workers Compensation Packet (see Risk Management Forms) o Unusual Occurrence/Incident Report form (if applicable)  |
|                    | <ul> <li>Obtain the Director's signature on all forms</li> <li>Submit all forms to Payroll within 24-hours</li> </ul>   |
| Payroll            | Send copy of Incident Reports to:   |
|                    | Risk Management     Disaster/Safety Coordinator   |
| Safety Coordinator | Disaster/Safety Coordinator will:   |
|                    | <ul> <li>Review the incident reports quarterly with DBH Safety Committee</li> <li>Make recommendations to management to reduce occurrence of incidents</li> <li>Maintain data on all incidents for tracking and annual report.</li> </ul>                                       |